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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ROGER LAHILLE, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/FR02/04459)
FILED: HERewith :
FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR :
LOCKING A NUCLEAR FUEL
ASSEMBLY IN POSITION IN A
HOUSING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.